

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. The Ministry of Internal Trade (Ministerstvo Na Vutreshnata Turgovliya) is located at 2 Angel Kunchev Street, Sofia, and employs about 250 persons, more than half of whom are women. Most of the employees are Communist Party members.
2. The ministry has eight departments. They are: the Organizational Department (13 employees, headed by a departmental manager who has three assistants); the Industrial Products Department, dealing with the marketing of industrial products (15 employees headed by a departmental manager who has four advisors on textiles, timber, leather, and electrical appliances, with each advisor having a number of assistants; the advisor for the marketing of textile products has, for instance, assistant advisors who specialize in wool, silk, cotton, and haberdashery); the Foodstuffs Department (20 employees, a departmental manager and three advisors who deal with flour, milk products, and meat); the Planning Department; the Administrative Department; the Personnel (Cadres) Department; the Nutrition Department, responsible for hotels, restaurants, buffets, cafés, etc.; and the Norms and Standards Department. Up to 1951 the latter two departments were part of the Organizational Department, but in the spring of 1951 the Nutrition Department was established as an independent department and in the autumn the Norms and Standards Department became independent.
3. The Ministry of Internal Trade is responsible for the local marketing of all industrial and agricultural products, which amount to 50% of the total production. Goods are distributed between the State stores and the cooperatives. The remaining 50% of Bulgaria's industrial and agricultural production is exported, and is not handled by the Ministry of Internal Trade.
4. As a general rule, it is strictly forbidden for a Ministry of Internal Trade employee to show any interest in the work of a department other than his own. A junior staff officer has no knowledge of what goes on outside his own sphere of work, as everything is compartmented and kept secret.

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5. The following is a partial listing of Ministry of Internal Trade officials:<sup>1</sup>

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- a. Pelo Pelovski, Minister of Internal Trade;
- b. Boris Blagoev, Deputy Minister for Organizational matters;
- c. Avram Mitev, Deputy Minister;
- d. Georgi Ivanov, Manager of the Organization Department;
- e. Khristo Rachev, Manager of the Industrial Products Department;
- f. Panayot Panayotov, Manager of the Foodstuffs Department;
- g. Spiridon Khristev, Manager of the Administrative Department; and
- h. (fnu) Panov, Manager of the Personnel Department.

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